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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 34-66 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 34-66 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 November 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This action is in response to the RCE/amendment filed 06/26/2006.
Claims 34, 42, 45 and 54-56 have been amended.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 34 have been considered but are not persuasive. Applicant's amendments have necessitated a new search and new grounds of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. Claims 34-66 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The amended claim 34 recites the limitation "storing the system security manager's certificate onto a security kernel of an operating system on a server computer based upon a digital signature of the system security manager" (lines 5-7). The originally filed specification only discloses generating a system security manager's certificate based upon a signature of the system security manager (figure 8, step 804; specification page 9, lines 25-30). However, the specification does not disclose storing the certificate in the security kernel of an operating system **based upon a digital signature of the system security manager** (figure 8, step 810; specification page 10, lines 1-3). Therefore, the limitation is considered new matter.

Claim 34 also recites the limitation "setting an access authority of the file system for the user's digital signature keys and certificate" (lines 9-10). The originally filed specification discloses setting an access authority of the file system for the user first (figure 11, step 1110) and then generating the user's key and certificate comprising the access authority of the file system for the user (figure 11, step 1112-1114; figure 4). Therefore, the limitation is considered new matter.

Claims 45 and 56 are rejected on the same basis as claim 34. Claims that are not specifically addressed are rejected by virtue of their dependency.

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claims 34-66 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The invention is directed to a method and system for protecting a file system based on digital signature certificate in which a user's certificate is required to verify the user's signature and access rights, the system security manager's public signature key is required to verify the user's certificate which is generated using the system security manager's private signature key, and the system security manager's certificate is required to retrieve the system security manager's public signature key (figure 10). Since claims 34, 45 and 56 fail to interrelate those elements which are essential to the invention, the claims fail to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims that are not specifically addressed are rejected by virtue of their dependency.

7. Claims 34-66 are not rejected over prior art.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U.S. Patent No. 5,029,206 to Marino, Jr. et al.

U.S. Patent No. 6,615,349 to Hair

U.S. Patent No. 6,754,829 to Butt et al.

Microsoft Corporation, Microsoft Windows 2000 Public Key

Infrastructure

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Minh Dinh whose telephone number is 571-272-3802. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri: 10:00am-6:30pm.

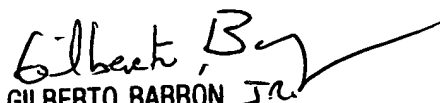
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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